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SUBJECT: ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND

REF: A. STATE 304674; B. STATE 306303; C. STATE 306882

1. AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH MINISTER PEREZ-GUERRERO ABOUT POSSIBLE VENEZUELAN PARTICIPATION IN ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND. REFTELS A, B AND C ARE BEING REPEATED TO CARACAS TO PROVIDE YOU WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE FUND.

2. IN YOUR APPROACH TO PEREZ-GUERRERO, YOU SHOULD USE THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

-- WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS IN
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GENEVA WILL LEAD TO A PEACEFUL RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT;

-- AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE SUCCESS OF THESE
NEGOTIATIONS AND OF THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY
IN ZIMBABWE, INDEED IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION, WILL BE
THE WILLINGNESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT
RAPID ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN AN INDEPENDENT

ZIMBABWE;

-- TOWARD THIS END WE AND THE BRITISH HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING
A PROPOSAL FOR A ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND;
-- ITS PURPOSES WOULD BE TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF
ZIMBABWE PROMOTE:

-- BALANCED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN ZIMBABWE;

-- RAPID EXPANSION OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR AND
SKILLS OF THE BLACK MAJORITY;

-- BASIC ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR ALL SECTIONS OF THE
POPULATION SO THAT THEY MIGHT CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE
THEIR SKILLS AND ENTHUSIASM TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
COUNTRY.

-- WE HAVE APPROACHED A NUMBER OF POTENTIAL DONOR
COUNTRIES ABOUT THEIR PARTICIPATION, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF
OPEC COUNTRIES. RESPONSES SO FAR HAVE BEEN QUITE
ENCOURAGING.

-- WE ARE ALSO BRIEFING THE AFRICAN NATIONALIST LEADERS AND
THE AFRICAN GOVERNMENT THAT HAVE A STRONG INTEREST IN THE
GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVE RECEIVED ENCOURAGING
INDICATIONS OF SUPPORT.

-- WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW INFORMALLY WHETHER YOU THINK
THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER
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PARTICIPATION.

-- IF YOU THINK YOUR PRESIDENT MIGHT BE RECEPTIVE, THEN WE
WOULD MAKE A FORMAL APPROACH TO YOUR GOVERNMENT.

-- WE WOULD VALUE VENEZUELAN PARTICIPATION BECAUSE IT
WOULD GIVE IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL POLITICAL SUPPORT AND
MOMENTUM BEHIND A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE RHODESIAN
PROBLEM.

-- WE FEEL THAT VENEZUELAN PARTICIPATION WOULD SIGNAL TO
THE REST OF THE WORLD YOUR GROWING INVOLVEMENT,
RESPONSIBILITY, AND IMPORTANCE IN WORLD AFFAIRS.

-- WE DO NOT ENVISION A LARGE CONTRIBUTION FROM
VENEZUELA.

-- (IF ASKED) THE CONTRIBUTION MIGHT BE OF THE ORDER OF
\$3 MILLION PER YEAR OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD.

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